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The Air Force Historical Research Agency (AFHRA) is located at Maxwell Air Base in Montgomery Alabama. AFHRA contains many of the original historical records of the 100th Bombardment Group as well as other Air Force organizations. There is a research room there where you can view the original documents.

https://www.afhra.af.mil/

There is also an unofficial web site that catalogs many of the documents at the AFHRA.

http://airforcehistoryindex.org/

All of the files I have uploaded to the Internet Archive can be found at-

https://archive.org/search?query=creator%3A%22David+A+Blakely%22

The IRIS number is critical to understanding the indexing of the documents at the AFHRA. There are a few missing files and the files from 1945 are not in this collection but they are at the AFHRA. Within this file is an Excel spreadsheet that describes the content of the folder. These files were extracted from the 1973 and 2006 digital scans done by AFHRA. Check this out first then look at the files listed by IRIS number. This is a good place to start any research using this resource. This folder can be found at-

AFHRA 100th BG IRIS Files

https://archive.org/details/00081584-7-1944-history_202309/000081653%2019-5-1944%20MISSION%20REPORTS%20175/

There are two digital collections of much of the 100th BG documents.

One collection was done in 1973. The quality of these documents is extremely poor and difficult to read.

AFHRA 100th BG 1973

https://archive.org/details/reel-b-0205_202309/AFHRA%20100th%20BG%201973/REEL%20B0201/

Another collection was done in 2006. It is a better reproduction of the original documents, but it is still difficult to read. T

AFHRA 100th BG 2006

https://archive.org/details/history-6_202309/AFGRA%20100th%20BG%202006/2006%20SCANS%201942-1944/Check%20List%203-1944/

In August 2023 I went to the AFHRA and made good copies of the documents there. I used an Iriscan 5 Pro scanner and did my best to make good copies. I spent four days at AFHRA and copied over 2200 files. This is only a small part of the whole collection of documents from the 100th BG.

AFHRA 100th BG 2023

https://archive.org/details/00081593/AFHRA%20100th%20BG%202023/00081574/

In September 2023, an OCR scan of several of the documents was done. While these documents are far from perfect, they can help understand some of the other files scanned earlier. These are

text files and can be opened in a word processing application like Microsoft Word or Google Documents. These documents can be found in the folder-

AFHRA 100th BG OCR

https://archive.org/details/00081593/AFHRA%20100th%20BG%202023/00081574/

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